

Soyabean Cultivation

6885. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to encourage Soyabean cultivation in Bihar during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total production of Soyabean likely to be achieved in Bihar by end of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A Centrally Sponsored Scheme; namely, 'Oilseed Production Programme' is in operation in Bihar to increase the production of oilseeds including soyabean. This scheme provides financial assistance to the State Government for basic key inputs like production and distribution of seed, plant protection measures, demonstrations, rhizobium culture, improved farm implements etc.

(c) The likely production of soyabean during 1990-91 is assessed at 10,000 tonnes. However, Kharif 1991 crop is still in the field.

[English]

Extraction of Mineral in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

6886. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation has undertaken any exploration work during the last two years for

locating mineral deposits in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the places where mining work has been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NDMC) has been carrying out exploration in the State of Madhya Pradesh only, for development of:—

- (i) Iron Ore Deposits No. 10 & 11/ B in Bailadila range of Bastar District.
- (ii) Diamonds in Panna District. No new mine could be developed in the absence of any viable deposit.

[Translation]

Relief to Families of Terrorist Victims In Punjab

6887. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ex-gratia amount paid to the families of the victims of terrorists violence in punjab during the last six months, month-wise;

(b) whether some of the families have not been paid any such amount;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which they are likely to be paid the ex-gratia amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The information is being

collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Alleged Contravention of NWDT Directions by Gujarat

6888. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has contravened the directions of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal about rehabilitation of the oustees before starting the construction work; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to issue directives to the Government of Gujarat in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The oustees of the Sardar Sarovar Project are required to be issued notices six months before submergence, during which period all necessary steps should have been taken for their resettlement. Till now no submergence has occurred on account of project construction. A programme for rehabilitation and resettlement of the oustees has already been drawn up by the Government of Gujarat and is under implementation.

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges In Orissa

6889. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for expansion of telephone exchanges in Orissa during 1990-91 has been fully achieved; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A target of 11800 lines not addition of telephone switching capacity and providing of 11000 telephone connections was set for Orissa for the year 1990-91. The shortfall in the net addition of switching capacity was due to inadequate supply of equipments.

Opening of Post Offices at Palakkad District In Kerala

6890. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to open more post office in Palakkad district of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present the under mentioned proposals for opening of branch post offices in Palakkad (Palghat) districts of Kerala are under examination and their sanction is subject to justification and fulfilment of norms prescribe in this regard

(i) Attempathy

(ii) Kuttipallam

(iii) Peringannur.

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6891. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any